

## METEOROLOGISTS TO TAKE OBSERVATIONS IN SPECIAL AIRPLANE

Warner Powered Cassna Will Be Equipped for Altitude Test Experiments

## WEATHER DATA IMPROVED

Daily weather observations from the ground level to a height of more than three miles above Boston will be made by meteorologists of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in an airplane equipped to record temperature, barometric pressure and relative humidity, it was announced Thursday night.

To carry out this work Technology has secured funds to permit the purchase of a Cassna cabin monoplane powered with a 120-horsepower Warner engine. The daily flights of this plane are part of a research program designed to gain new knowledge to aid in weather forecasting by measuring the variation of temperature and moisture at various altitudes in different air currents.

**See Improvement in Weather Data**  
Professor C. G. A. Rossby, who is in charge of the Institute's division of Meteorology, hopes that these studies will develop improved methods of procedure in recording certain weather data. The investigation also provides for comprehensive studies of cloud formations and their connection with the vertical structure of the atmosphere. For this purpose specially designed photographic equipment will be installed in the plane.

The device used for registering temperature, barometric pressure and relative humidity is called a meteorograph. The readings are automatically and continuously recorded throughout the flight on a thin sheet of smoked aluminum foil on a revolving drum. The research plane has places for three passengers in addition to the pilot, and will be fitted with various scientific instruments for special weather studies.

Plans are also under way for the design of automatically recording instruments for measuring the intensity of cosmic rays. Heretofore experiments on cosmic rays have been made on mountain tops or with sounding balloons.

### Under Dr. K. O. Lange

This program is under the immediate direction of Dr. K. O. Lange, who for several years has been engaged in similar activities for the Rhon-Rossiten Geschellschaft at Darmstadt, Germany, and also on the Wasserkuppe, the birthplace of the motorless airplane. During this time Dr. Lange took an active part in the development of the scientific basis for soaring and gliding flight. Professor Daniel C. Sayre, assistant professor of aeronautical engineering, will be the research pilot of Technology's flying laboratory.

The daily weather flights will be made in the morning from the East Boston Airport. In several trial flights Professor Sayre has taken the plane to a height of 17,000 feet, despite unfavorable weather conditions.

## Wrestling Team Looks Promising As Season Nears

Varsity Captain Vassalotti To Head Squad of 30 Men  
Ricks Is Coach

With only one man of last year's varsity wrestling team gone, Coach Ricks is looking forward to a successful season. There are thirty candidates for the varsity team and the same number of men are trying out for positions on the freshman team. The Institute is very fortunate to have such a man as Coach Ricks instructing the candidates, as he is a former member of the varsity wrestling team of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, which has the fine reputation of having won every Intercollegiate wrestling

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## Member of District Commission Explains Work Done in Basin

### Student Chapter of A. S. C. E. Hears Park Commissioner At Dinner Meeting

At a dinner meeting of the M. I. T. Student Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers in the North Hall of Walker Memorial, a great deal of informative material was given by Mr. E. H. Rogers of the Park Department of the Metropolitan District Commission on the various projects in the Charles River Basin and the Memorial Drive underpass. Slides and motion pictures were shown to illustrate the talk.

Introductory to his speech proper, Mr. Rogers told of the three departments comprising the Metropolitan District Commission. There are three: the sewage commission, the water board, and the park commission. Organized separately at first in the early Nineties, they were joined in 1893. In the thirty-eight years since then, the population of Metropolitan Boston, whom they serve, has doubled, growing from 900,000 to 1,900,000.

### On Way to Completion

Improvement of the Charles River Basin, which has been pending for a long time, is now well on its way to completion. The basin, when completed, will be one of the most beautiful river parks in the world, comparable to that of Hamburg in Germany, after which it is being patterned because of the great similarity in area and division.

In Colonial days, what is now the basin was Boston Harbor. As late as 1902 the site of Technology was a vast marsh, a favorite spot for clam-diggers. Gradually the basin has been made to conform to its present size.

### Fill Broken in Two Places

On the opposite side of the river the filled-in land will extend into the Charles 115 feet from the old shoreline. The fill will be broken at two places. In one place, where the Union Boat House faces the river, there will be a boat haven with two breakwaters in front of it for the purpose of calming the basin in that area. The other break will be for a lagoon. This will be fronted by one breakwater, which will be joined to the shore by bridges, in order

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## VOLLEY BALL LEAGUE IS WON BY NICHOLS

### Defeats Hayden in Two Straight Games for Championship

As the result of a championship playoff between Nichols and Hayden, the former has been declared champion of the Dormitory Volleyball League. Winning in two straight games with scores of 11-8 and 11-6 respectively, the Nichols team has added another victory to their record which Jack Lynch '32, chairman of the Dormitory Athletic Committee, says is one of utmost brilliance. Lynch announced last night that Nichols had been undefeated in all sports for the past three years.

## CHESS TEAM TRAVELS TO BROWN FOR GAME

Brown University at Providence is the next opponent of the Technology Chess Team. Five members will leave this evening to play their third match of the year. Although the team's coach, Professor Philip Franklin, cannot accompany the men on this trip, he is confident that the team will be successful. The players who are representing Technology are Irving I. Schell '33, Frank W. Speir '32, Hugo M. Ratzkovsky '33, Moses Gelinas '32, and John d'H. Hord '34.

Next Friday the Chess Team will meet the Wells Memorial Club team for the second match of the year. On Friday, October 30, these two teams engaged in some very exciting games. But in the end the two sides were deadlocked, and this coming contest will be in the form of a

## Mr. Fassett Is Belittled by Potential Demosthenes

At the Public Speaking Contest conducted by a popular English teacher last Wednesday afternoon, "His Nibs" called upon a potential soap-box lecturer to deliver an oration. The innocent freshman took his place at the front of the assembly and proceeded to pour forth his words of wisdom. "No doubt we all —," he began.

"Wait," said the instructor as he interrupted the future Cicero, "Is that the way to begin an address?" he questioned sharply.

The freshman thought for a moment and then renewed his efforts. "Gentlemen and Mr. Professor," he commenced, and would have continued, but this formal address was heartily applauded by the students — if I may. A faint smile came to the lips of the instructor, and the poor freshman blushed innocently.

## Corporation XV Begins Drive For New Memberships

### Dinner This Evening Is First Meeting of Several in Year's Plans

Corporation XV, which is in fact an incorporated society, issuing non-interest-bearing stock certificates — with gilt edges included — has announced its program for the year as part of a membership drive. The drive is to last for the remainder of the year, with the aim of enrolling every man in Course XV and all others who are interested in the business aspects of Engineering.

A dinner, at which Mr. John M. Carmona will speak on the Russian situation, will be held in Walker Memorial this evening at 5:45 o'clock. This will be the first of several such dinners the Society will have during the school year. Other plans include a trip through the important industrial plants of New England at the February recess, ending in New York, and an investment contest in which each man entered is given an hypothetical sum of money to invest. The contestant showing the highest return on his investments will receive a prize.

## Varsity Scrimmages With Freshmen In Last Game of Season

### Upperclassmen Favored to Win In Annual Contest with Yearling Rivals

Bringing the soccer season to a close, the varsity and the freshman teams play their annual game on the Coop Field tomorrow. This is the last game that Captain Velez, Newman, and Schulze will play for the Beavers, as they will graduate next June. Last year the varsity beat the freshmen, 9-0, with Velez accounting for several of the goals. The upperclassmen hope to trim their yearling opponents this year, but will undoubtedly find it no easy job.

In their game at Harvard last week, the freshmen scored the first goal of the game in the first period, but after that could not regain their scoring punch. They enter the game tomorrow confident that they will either tie, or win from their more experienced opponents.

The freshmen played good soccer this season, despite the fact that they have practised very seldom, never more often than once a week. Several of its members will make fine prospects for next year's varsity, namely: Capt. Jack Ballard, Lowry, Snow, Waram, Bernis, and Orton.

Winning two of seven games this season, the varsity beat Brown and Clark, tied Bridgewater, and lost to Yale, Dartmouth, Army, and Harvard. The freshmen have beaten Watertown High and Exeter. They lost to Quincy High, Dean, Andover, and Harvard Freshmen.

## CRUSADERS CONSIDERING PLANS FOR PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENT BY 1934

### District Leader Speaks to Group on Coming Drive

### Professors Norris and Morris Also Address Members Of Faculty

### Mr. John V. Schenck Explains History and Purpose of Repeal Campaign

### 500,000 MEMBERS NOW

Intimating that certain prominent Democratic politicians have indicated their willingness to swing Wet, if a sufficiently well-organized Wet organization would back them, John V. Schenck, New England organizer of the Crusaders, the anti-Prohibition college organization, which will shortly open a membership campaign at Technology, advised the small committee which will be in charge of the drive at the Institute, that plans for the repeal of the Volstead Act and of the Eighteenth Amendment within the next two or three years were now under consideration by the organization.

The membership campaign for the group is in charge of William F. Spreen '32, and his committee to assist him consists of Kenneth H. Klopp '32, Robert D. Butler '32, Edwin B. Powell '32 and Pierre S. duPont '33. Plans for the campaign were outlined at the committee meeting at the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity house last Wednesday afternoon, at which time Mr. Schenck addressed the group.

### Organized Three Years Ago

According to Schenck, the Crusaders were first organized in Cleveland about three years ago and were at the start merely an organization of business men throughout the country who were opposed to Prohibition. Approximately five hundred thousand members were signed, and according to Schenck these members exercised considerable influence in the success of the Wet candidates in the States of Ohio and Connecticut at the recent elections. In order, however, that they might extend the sphere of their influence, it was decided to organize the colleges in the movement. Considerable success has been met in other colleges where the campaign has already opened.

Plans for the campaign at the Institute call for representatives to solicit memberships in each fraternity, and a representative for each dormitory. The dates for the actual drive have not yet been definitely set as it is desired to have a strong

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## HOURS FOR FRESHMAN BASKETBALL DECIDED

Definite hours for freshman basketball practice have finally been decided upon.

Unless some further change will be necessary,

the sessions will be held in the

Walker Gymnasium at 5 o'clock Wednesday,

4 o'clock Friday and 11 o'clock Saturday.

Coach McCarthy has not given any opinion on the varsity at the present time. Three men from last year's team are back, Capt. Harry L. Johnson '32, Fred P. Feustel '33, and Adam J. Sysko '33. As is the case with the freshmen, to mention any names at this time would be unfair to the other candidates. It is possible that the coach will give some idea of his preference next week.

## BATON HOLDS DANCE IN WALKER SATURDAY

Baton will hold an informal dance for members of the Musical Clubs and their friends, tomorrow night. The Techtonians will furnish the music for the affair, which will be held in North Hall from 8 to 12 o'clock. Tickets are moderately priced at fifty cents a couple, and may be obtained at the door.

At the meeting of the honorary society on Monday evening, plans were also discussed for the coming Christmas Concert and Dance, which is the most important social event in the Musical Club calendar. On December 5, members of the Baton will hold a theatre party in Boston.

## Catholic Club to Be Host to Local College Students

### Four Catholic Clubs Sponsor Dance to be Held in Main Hall

Members of several local College Catholic Clubs will be guests of the Technology Catholic Club at a formal dance and reception to be held in the Main Hall of Walker this evening from 9 to 2 o'clock. The dance is sponsored by the Catholic Clubs of Simmons, Boston University, Framingham Normal School, and Technology.

For over a month the committee, composed of officers of the clubs, have been working to arrange the details of the dance. Leo Reisman and his orchestra have been engaged to provide the music. The hall will be decorated with palms, greens, and colored lights, and refreshments will be served in the North Hall. All Technology students are invited to attend. Tickets, at \$2.50, may be purchased from the club officers or at the door.



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### COMPULSION

**C**OMPULSORY Military Training receives no small amount of derogatory comment from each new freshman class; its presence at the Institute is looked upon with some disfavor on the part of a considerable number of students. Yet it does have its staunch supporters; it draws an appreciable number of undergraduates in the optional Junior and Senior courses. This week we have published in the Open Forum Column two letters concerning R.O.T.C., one man advancing the idea that since the Institute is not required by governmental decree to make Military Training compulsory, it became elective, and the other replying that as it exists, the R.O.T.C. is doing a considerable amount of good for the Institute student body.

It must be admitted that any act or state we have forced upon us, without our having some opportunity to express our own opinions and ideas, soon becomes the dreariest of tasks. May we not then assume that a great amount of this complaining against the R.O.T.C. is inspired only by the desire to throw off the chains which have been so forcibly attached? Or may we take this as an indication that making the training compulsory kills the enthusiasm of the majority of students? It becomes a matter for speculation, indeed, as to the value of such a training, and whether it actually is of such value as to warrant the student no other choice in his first two years.

As was stated in one of the communications to this paper, the National Defence Act of 1920 provides that land grant colleges are no longer required to make drill compulsory. Here is meat for considerable agitation against the situation at Technology. Such agitation will be assisted by the many pacifist leagues and societies which have been quite active during the past few years, and which carry on their activities with a sincerity that would seem capable of accomplishing a great purpose. Decidedly here is a matter for action which, should it meet with the proper reaction, might be a means to an end.

However, there is considerable doubt that even if pressed, student opinion would turn against Compulsory Military Training. In surveying the situation broadmindedly, the freshman's lot appears not so bad as it might. Does it not seem feasible, therefore, to assume that his complaints are no more than passing "gripes" against an institution in which he finds few faults other than the fact that he is forced to register in it.

### GET ALL OF TECH

**M**EN come to the Institute to learn not only how to make a living, but what is more important, how to enjoy themselves in later life. Four years of the formative period of the young man's life are spent in getting training which will enable him to take his place in the commercial and industrial world and to receive for his work enough recompense to enable him to have more than the bare necessities of life. During that same period are determined the things which a man will enjoy after he has graduated from Technology and is engaged in his chosen work.

This second part of a man's education, the learning what to do with leisure time, despite the fact that it is traditional for Technology students to work day and night, is an important part of the four years spent in Cambridge, and a part deserving the serious consideration of the undergraduate. Men attending Technology are particularly fortunate that the Institute is located in an urban center rather than in a small town with limited recreational activities and no entertainment falling in the class so often designated as "cultural."

It goes without question that students should take advantage of these opportunities to attend plays and concerts, to visit museums of art, and to do those things which will give them a background to which they may tie their interests after finishing their technical training. Technology's reputation as a school where students have little leisure is far-flung, but even so, every man has certain hours that he spends in recreation. The way in which one spends these leisure hours determines to a great extent what progress one makes in learning how to enjoy himself after he enters the world of business.

## OPEN FORUM

### Concerning Mr. Gott

To the Editor of THE TECH:

I understand that the Technology Christian Association has been fortunate in securing Mr. Herbert Gott '10 to speak to the student body and Faculty on November 23 on the topic: "Rebuilding a Nation." In view of the fact that I have known Mr. Gott for the past twenty-five years, I submit the following information which might be of interest to your readers.

Herbert S. Gott was a member of the Class of 1910. When he left the Institute he obtained a good position in Philadelphia. He was railroad engineer in New York and later manager of the Southern Territory for Hitchins & Company. He resigned from this position to take up the work of Christian Social Engineering. When he went to Russia his work was at first principally among the German prisoners. After the revolutions (he went through four), he established himself at Revel, Estonia. Forty thousand Russian refugees, typhus, a country stripped of all its resources, its young men killed at the front, three antagonistic races — these furnished a few of the major problems.

He had to raise the leaders in the work, because the younger men who should have assumed the leadership were dead. He had to finance the work in a land almost bankrupt. He has done all of this. He is working among the university students at Dorpat. He is working with the preachers to restore vitality to the churches. He is leading the warring races to a better understanding of each other. He is the apostle of light and hope to a nation sitting in need, literally and figuratively.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) H. R. KURRELMEYER.

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Stage settings, characters, costumes, and dialogue, all make a glorious parody of Hollywood. There is the ultra-modernistic reception room of the Glogauer studios; the telephone girl and the stenographers in evening dress; the temperamental German director; the stage hands composing theme songs; the bishop, about

to perform the marriage ceremony, call for a copy of the *Daily Racing Form* (the playwright going crazy in the solitude of his office. And through it all blundered Lewis, making preposterous mistakes as the wonder-worker of Hollywood, and cracking nuts with a noise that must have sounded like rifle shots to the front-row patrons of the theater.

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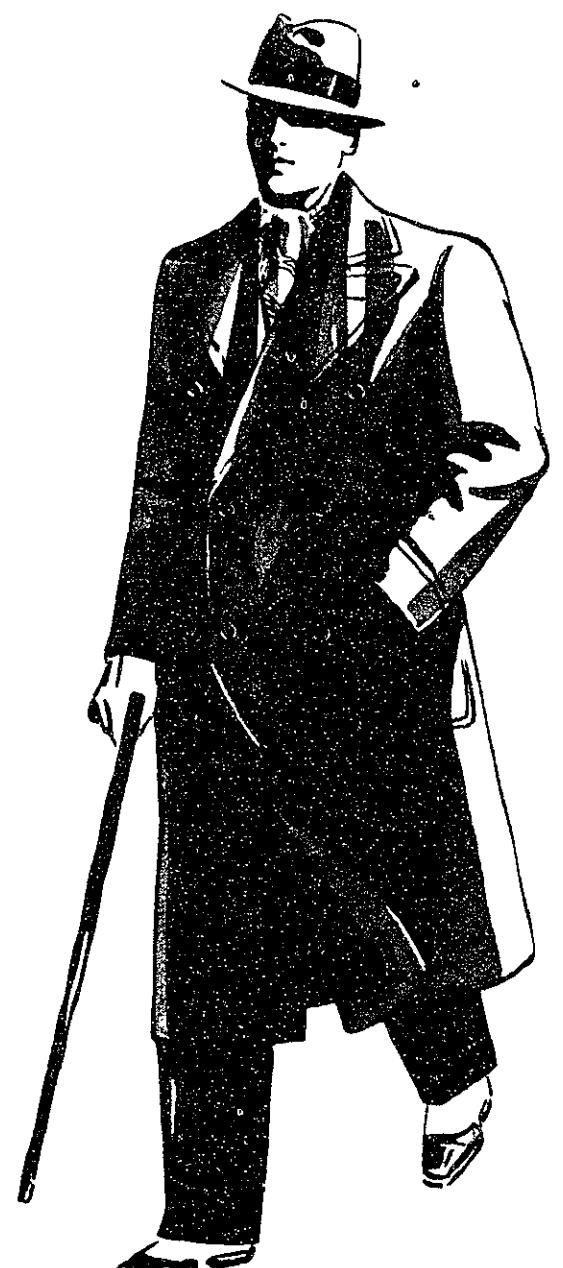
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**WRESTLING TEAM IS LOOKING PROMISING**

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meet. In addition to being a fine coach, Coach Ricks is a fine sportsman.

At present and for the next few days, the coach will teach the fellows various methods of getting out from under and of throwing the man underneath off his balance. Wednesday night, Coach Ricks demonstrated the bar-arm, and two types of knee-trips as possible means of turning the man on the bottom over. He also demonstrated three ways of escaping from

underneath, two of the three were wings and the third was setting out front and pulling hands apart. Coach Ricks stressed the importance of not learning everything he outlined, but whatever they do manage to grasp, should be learned thoroughly.

With the All-Tech wrestling tournament coming on December 9-10-11, the coach requested that the men use extra effort to get into condition. On Friday night and Saturday afternoon, following the tournament, an elimination meet will be staged in each class, to see what men will represent the Institute in the meet with Harvard which will take place December 18.

**MEETING OF A.S.C.E. STUDENT BRANCH HELD**

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to allow water to circulate through the lagoon.

A million and one-half cubic yards of filling will be necessary for the entire fill. Of this, 300,000 cubic yards has been put in place. The material now being used comes from the excavation at Governor's Square. However, a dredge will soon begin its work of taking gravel from the river bed and making land at the opposite shore. Cores were taken of the river bed

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## Colloquium

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Mr. F. M. Carhart, member of the firm of Jackson and Moreland, will lead the colloquium on "Engineering Cost Studies." Open to Seniors, graduate students, Junior honors students, and members of the instructing staff of the departments of Electrical Engineering and Physics.

## Differential Geometry

Dr. D. J. Struik

Tuesday, November 24, 3.00 p.m., Room 2-235  
Dr. Struik will deliver another lecture in his series on the history of differential geometry.

## CALENDAR

Friday, November 20

6.00 p.m. -- Corporation XV dinner in Faculty Dining Room of Walker Memorial.  
9.00 p.m.-2.00 a.m. -- Technology Catholic Club dance in Main Hall of Walker Memorial.

Saturday, November 21

1.30 p.m. -- Techtonian orchestra rehearsal in East Lounge of Walker Memorial.  
6.30 p.m. -- THE TECH dinner in Grill Room of Walker Memorial.  
7.30 p.m.-12 p.m. -- Baton Society dance in North Hall of Walker Memorial.

Monday, November 23

2.00 p.m. -- A. I. E. E. inspection trip starts from Main Lobby.  
5.00 p.m. -- Banjo Club rehearsal in East Lounge of Walker Memorial.  
7.00 p.m. -- Dorclan smoker in Grill Room of Walker Memorial.

## Undergraduate Notices

## T.C.A. BOOK EXCHANGE

The T.C.A. Book Exchange announces that it has a sale of old editions at 10 cents and 25 cents each.

## Infirmary List

Crowther, John F. '32  
Gardner, Harvey  
Gregor, Edmund '35  
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yearlings. It is believed that this is being done for the psychological effect produced upon the first-year men.

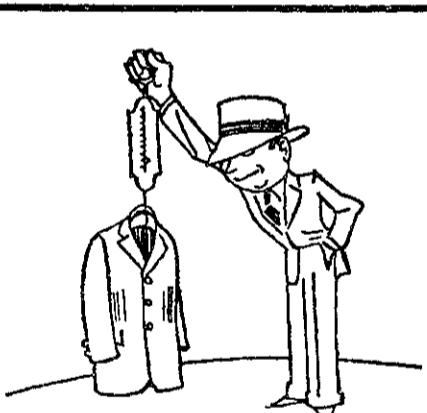
Mr. Schenck expressed his opinion that the college members could not actively engage in any prohibition reform while they were still in school, although they might exercise some influence among their families and friends at home. The main purpose of the college organization is to give the movement publicity throughout the country, which at the present time is its biggest objective.

N. E. CRUSADER TALKS  
TO DRIVE COMMITTEE

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committee before any members are actively solicited.

## Concentrates On Freshmen

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not absorb their sidewash, and the river is consequently very rough. Instead it will slope gradually into the stream. A park without a roadway will be made of the reclaimed land. Shrubbery, trees and grass will be planted, and there will be by-paths for those interested in romance.

At present divers are placing nineteen-

ton sections of conduit to take care of surface drainage when the river rises above normal. Four divers are working to replace these drains which will replace the old wooden ones now in use. These must be abandoned on account of the weight of the fill. These conduits lead off from a marginal conduit which borders the embankment. A special underwater cement is being used for joining the sections.

Charles M. Thayer '32, president, presided at the meeting, which was the first

since last spring. Professor Charles M. Spofford '93, head of the Civil and Sanitary Engineering Department, introduced the guest speaker.

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